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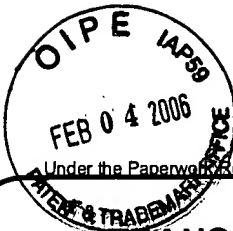
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 4, 2006 Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2.

**Remarks** begin on Page 5.